

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2988 - SB 3121

March 11, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits cities and counties from limiting the number of retail liquor stores to less than one per 6,000 residents.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- According to Tenn. Code Ann. § 57-3-208 (c), local governments are currently authorized to limit the number of licenses issued in their respective jurisdictions.
- According to the Tennessee Alcoholic Beverage Commission (ABC), there were 580 retail, off-premises liquor stores in Tennessee as of December 31, 2011. Approximately 110 municipality and 85 county jurisdictions have passed referendums allowing for retail liquor stores.
- According to ABC, limitations on the number of retail liquor stores within a single jurisdiction vary from one license per twelve thousand residents to one license per five thousand residents.
- Any increase or decrease in the number of package stores will not be significant and will not result in a significant increase or decrease in the amount of revenue state and local governments receive through permit issuances or from sales tax.
- Any cost incurred by ABC will not be significant and can be accommodated within existing resources.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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